

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

An antenna assembly having an operating frequency and a vertical radiation pattern with a main lobe axis defining a downtilt angle with respect to the earth's surface. The antenna assembly comprises a plurality of antennas in first, second, and third antenna groups physically disposed along a backplane, the backplane having a longitudinal axis along which the antennas are disposed, and a phase adjustment mechanism electrically connected ~~disposed~~ between the first and third antenna groups, such that adjustment of the phase adjustment mechanism results in variation of the vertical radiation pattern downtilt angle.

Please amend the 4th paragraph on Col. 2 of the specification as follows, which paragraph extends from line 24 through line 41:

These needs and others are satisfied by the antenna assembly of the present invention, having an operating frequency and a vertical radiation pattern with a main lobe axis defining a downtilt angle with respect to the earth's surface. The antenna assembly comprises a plurality of antenna means in first, second, and third antenna groups disposed along a backplane, the backplane having a longitudinal axis along which the antenna means are disposed, and a phase adjustment means electrically connected ~~disposed~~ between the first [second] and third antenna groups, such that adjustment of the phase adjustment means results in variation of the vertical radiation pattern downtilt angle. The second and third antenna groups each comprise a plurality of antenna means. The first antenna group comprises one antenna means, and the second and third antenna groups each comprises two antenna means.